

Sunday, April 12—Easter

Scripture reading: Mark 16:1-8

Alleluia! He is Risen!

That's the message in these verses. That was the angel's message to the women who came to the tomb on Easter morning. What do these verses mean for us today? They tell us that through Christ **anything** is possible. If He can rise from the dead, what else can He do? He can work through us, His disciples, to bring relief to many – the lonely, the sick, the broken, the broken-hearted, disaster victims, orphans, prisoners, refugees....The list is endless.

The women at the tomb were “trembling and bewildered.” Sometimes life leaves us like that. But that didn't stop them. If you read on in Mark you'll see that they went on to tell others about Jesus. Sometimes terrible things, inexplicable things have happened in the places God sends us. But, just like these women, we are to press on, knowing all things are possible through Christ.

Easter is all about hope and a promise fulfilled. Hope in every circumstance we face day to day. Hope that casts out fear and brings peace. And a promise that we can take with us daily and even beyond death....to eternity.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Saving Son, Empowering Spirit, there is no one and nothing like you. On this Easter Sunday, we praise you for all that you are. We thank you for all that you've given, and we ask you to help us claim your promise and share your hope this Easter Day and every day. In the triumphant name of Jesus we pray. Alleluia! Amen

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